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# **THE JOURNEY OF BUCU CHURCH**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

BUCU is an abbreviation that stands for Bugema University Christian Union. It's a unique abbreviation that represents FOCUS in Bugema University, currently registered with URSB as BUCU Church Limited

## **VISION**

Christ-transformed students and associates, impacting the university and community

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To engage and equip students of Bugema University and the Community for effective, Christian living.

**Motto:** "...not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts..."

**(Zechariah 4:6-7, KJV)**

## **CORE VALUES**

1. Christ-centered Fellowship
2. Unity
3. Discipleship
4. Integrity

## **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

1. To hold gathering for services, fellowships and prayers on regular basis; daily fellowships, weekly services, monthly overnights, intercessions, prayers and fastings.
2. To hold bible study and discipleship gatherings for all members
3. To conduct evangelistic crusades, outreaches and campaigns on regular basis
4. To liaise with other churches of like faith in carrying out her Christian duties
5. To appoint members to leadership positions on regular basis

6. To provide spiritual, social and emotional support to members in need
7. To acquire properties for the fellowship, in growing the fellowship potential and capacity in impacting Bugema with Jesus Christ
8. To develop, equip and send out members for Christian work, from time to time

## **Background**

Bugema University Christian Union Fellowship (BUCU) is a student-based Pentecostal and non-denominational fellowship situated in Bugema University. The fellowship was started as bible study group for born-again and Anglican students of Bugema University by Reverend Mukama Livingstone and Papa Solomon (RIP) IN 2009, Rev Livingstone was the then Lay-Reader of St. Thomas Church of Uganda of Lukyamu-Bugema, Mpigi Parish as a small group in a classroom of the University and Papa Solomon was a student at Bugema University. The main aim of starting the bible study was to enable non-Adventist students of the University to also find fellowship and growth in their faith, while in the University. Together they laid the foundation of the fellowship in Bugema University.

The study group rapidly grew from 3 members to 150 members within a short time. Unfortunately, 1 year after its birth i.e. in 2010, the international members decided to separate from the national members, sparking pain and sorrow among the small family that had just been raised as “infant fellowship” in Bugema University. Fortunately through sacrificial prayers by notable members, not forgetting the least known “STELLA”, they prayed for the unity of the fellowship and thus the team remained strong till to date, despite departure by the international members.

Due to the rising membership, the fellowship was shifted to St. Thomas Church of Uganda where it was entrusted with the first English service and self-governance until March, 2021! The fellowship is student-led, headed by the chairperson who is elected from time to time. The main activities are under the watch of the Patron and Alumni board.

In February 2021, following the posting instructions of Ordinand Brian Nkambwe where the fellowship was required to become part of St Thomas COU administration in significant parts of her activities, the leadership decided to turn down their order. This

eventually led to extermination of the fellowship in March 2021, after several meetings, both with the church and the Parish leadership.

The fellowship then shifted to rent the space with Barahi Estates at small gate, praying from a temporary structure built by the fellowship. This hostage went on until December 2023 when the landlord terminated contract with the fellowship as tenants to Barahi estates. However, the fellowship had acquired a plot near Seattle hostel in October 2023 from Mr. Kefa at 13 million shillings. The money was raised through 3 years fund raising and credit from Pr. Moses Sserugo.

So, in December 26, the fellowship started their official construction in her own land and shifted to the own structure by first Sunday of 2024 (07/01/2024). And since then, rest has been by the sides of the fellowship till to date. Today the fellowship is guided by holistic constitution (2023), Executives and Elders board, and church committee members. It is also registered with the Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB) as BUCU Church Limited and is established in her own land opposite the small gate. Praise be to God for all the loving kindness He has shown to BUCU, in that He has led us this far. Thanks be to all the individuals who gave themselves for the good cause of the future of the gospel in Bugema University.

### **Overview of BUCU's Development and Leadership**

BUCU has experienced a remarkable journey marked by growth, resilience, and a series of dedicated leaders (Papás) and mentors (Patrons). Over time, BUCU has undertaken significant efforts in community outreach, spiritual development, and infrastructural expansion. Key figures in BUCU's history include:

1. **Reverend Mukama Livingstone (2009-2020)** – Mission Coordinator, Luwero Dioceses. He founded BUCU, established the foundational vision of discipleship, growth, and unity that BUCU continues to follow. He has maintained his remarkable message, since decades to BUCU “INTENTIONAL, RELATIONAL AND TRANSFORMATIONAL”, in order to lead to heaven, both the born again and the non-born again members
2. **Pastor Moses Sserugo (2020-2022)** - Pastor Sserugo from Fields of Hope Ministries, Namuganja. He guided BUCU during challenging times, including the COVID-19

- pandemic. He supported the fellowship in adapting to virtual and in-person gatherings, provided critical financial support, and helped BUCU purchase land.
3. **Pastor Joseph Kiptirui**, of Jubilee Eagles Ministry and Now Outreach Missions Africa- He greatly expanded the outreach missions of BUCU, to near and far outreach mission programs, and his strong financial, administrative and mobilization support over time.
  4. **Pastor Felix Balitumye** from the Christian Life Church. He has been a great arm to church missions and outreach programs. Together with Pr Joseph, they expanded school ministries and outreach programs of BUCU Fellowship.

### **SUMMARY OF THE LEADERS SINCE 2009**

1. 2009-2010: Papa Solomon (RIP), Founder and first papa
2. 2010-2011: Papa Raymond and Mama Kisakye
3. 2011-2012: Papa Peter and Mama Esther
4. 2012-2013: Papa Joel and Mama Merida
5. 2013-2014: Papa Kabi and Mama Caroline
6. 2014-2015: Papa Robert Musisi and Mama Namusoba Martha
7. 2016-2018: Papa Walter Adule and Mama Namusoba Martha
8. 2018-2020: Papa Solomon Kwaje and Mama Scovia Kyakuhairu
9. 2020-2022: Papa Awio Alex and Mama Sandra Naikoba
10. 2022-2024: Papa Samuel Wani and mama Catherine Atugonza
11. 2024-: Papa Vicent Nyulya and mama Racheal Nabachwa.

Note: Behind papa Walter Adule was Nganzi Emmanuel (now a Pastor), who played the major shepherd role in his absence. The details of their leadership, their key achievements and recommendations, their key performers who played major roles in their times, are written in the documentary of the church.

### **Milestones and Achievements**

BUCU has made significant strides over the years. These include:

1. Acquisition of land (2023)
2. Constructions of semi-permanent structures (2021 two sites and 2023 two sites).

3. Outreach programs within and without Bugema, with partnering churches.
4. Leadership training and formalization of administrative structures (2022 onwards)
5. Registration with relevant authorities (local council & police-2022 and URSB-2024)
6. Active community support and engagements
7. Spiritual initiatives, such as regular overnights, worship nights, and organized Bible studies.

### **Community and Organizational Impact**

The fellowship has emphasized community support through outreach programs, evangelism, and educational initiatives. Notably, BUCU's ministries have created lasting relationships with local communities and other Christian organizations. Leadership within BUCU has been inclusive, allowing alumni and local members to support the fellowship's mission and growth.

### **Challenges and Resilience**

BUCU faced challenges such as the need for a permanent location, the pandemic's disruptions, and the constraints of funding. Through dedication, the fellowship not only maintained its activities but also expanded its reach and influence. Fundraising efforts and strong community ties allowed BUCU to overcome obstacles and continue its spiritual mission.

### **Future Plans and Vision**

Looking ahead, BUCU aims to:

1. Develop a permanent structure and improve church facilities.
2. Expand discipleship programs to strengthen the fellowship's impact on Bugema University and surrounding communities.
3. Further integrate technology and social media to increase community engagement and outreach.
4. Establish a permanent power source, acquire additional equipment, and build infrastructure to support both spiritual and social activities.

### **Conclusion**

The "Journey of Faith" exemplifies BUCU's commitment to fostering spiritual growth and community service. Anchored in the vision and mission, BUCU has become a transformative presence at Bugema University and beyond, guided by its foundational

values of unity, discipleship, and integrity in christ Jesus our Lord. The ongoing efforts to strengthen infrastructure and outreach lay a solid foundation for future generations of students and leaders.

**REMEMBER THEREFORE NEVER TO FORGET, Lest the following evils befall you, when you shall forget:**

1. Become disloyal Mark 3:19
2. Repeat the same mistakes Dan 5:17-23
3. Dishonor your founders and fathers Gen 9:22
4. Become disobedient I Kings 11:30-33
5. Become proud 2 Sam 6:20-21
6. Easily get divorced Mal 2:14-16
7. Become presumptuous Num 16:8-9
8. Become rebellious I Sam 15:17
9. Become second rate ministers Act 16: 26:11-15, Gal 1:15-18
10. Lack compassion for ministers Mat 9:36
11. Donot remember past sins and mistakes Deu 9:7
12. Forget your humble beginings Deu 15:15
13. Get rejected Eph 5:18-20
14. Become unrighteous and accursed to whither Job 8:11-13

**REF: BISHOP DAG HEWARD MILLS, Father of Churces!**

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